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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Encino – Leader of Pandemic Fraud Ring Sentenced to More Than 10-Years in Prison

(U) An Encino real estate broker was sentenced Monday to more than 10-years in prison for her role in a family fraud ring that stole \$18 million in emergency pandemic loans largely through fake businesses in the San Fernando Valley. The group filed 151 fraudulent applications for loans that were supposed to keep small businesses nationwide from collapsing during the initial lockdowns of the COVID-19 pandemic, prosecutors say.

SOURCE: 6 December 2021, [Los Angeles Times](#)

(U) Sacramento – California to Spend Nearly \$100 Million to Fortify State Capitol

(U) As California prepares to move ahead with plans to renovate its Capitol complex, the state will spend about \$96 million on security upgrades. The renovations include stronger windows and better-fortified entrances, and part of the building will be raised on a higher platform so access can be easily monitored. Discussions about how to build a more secure Capitol go back several years but the state took a “hard look” at those plans considering recent civil unrest, especially the 6 January US Capitol Riot.

SOURCE: 3 December 2021, [San Francisco Chronicle](#)

(U) Visalia – California Teen Arrested after Threatening to Kill Two Classmates

(U) A 14-year-old boy was arrested Monday in California’s San Joaquin Valley after he allegedly threatened to kill two of his charter school classmates last week. A teacher at Sycamore Valley Charter Academy in Visalia became aware Monday of the threats the teen had made on Friday. One of the students did not go to school because of the threats. The teen, whose name was not made public, was booked into a juvenile detention facility on suspicion of making criminal threats. Detectives did not find firearms or other weapons at the teen’s home, even though school officials said the boy had made previous statements about having them there.

SOURCE: 7 December 2021, [The Mercury News](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – Cyber Command Took Offensive Actions to Disrupt Ransomware Operations

(U) Washington DC – US Cyber Command, the US military's hacking unit, has taken offensive action to disrupt cybercriminal groups that have launched ransomware attacks on US companies. The spokesperson declined to specify what actions the command had taken, but it's one of the first, unequivocal acknowledgements from Cyber Command since the Colonial Pipeline ransomware attack that criminal gangs that hold the computer systems of US businesses hostage were targeted.

SOURCE: 5 December 2021, [CNN](#)

(U) Florida – \$1 Million Cocaine Shipment Found Floating Near Florida Keys

(U) Islamorada – A boater spotted a large shipment of cocaine floating off the Florida Keys on Saturday, according to the US Border Patrol. The cocaine had a total weight of 69-pounds, and authorities estimate the haul has a street value of more than \$1 million. The drugs were found at sea off Islamorada

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in the Upper Keys, said a US Customs and Border Protection Division Chief.

SOURCE: 6 December 2021, [Miami Herald](#)

(U) Tennessee – National Police Union Reports Erosion of Respect Fueling Attacks on Officers

(U) Nashville – A national police union leader says the uptick in shootings and ambush-style attacks targeting police this year is linked to growing hostility toward law enforcement. A report published last week by the National Fraternal Order of Police shows 314 officers had been shot in the line of duty through November, the most in the last three-years, with another month to go. According to the union, 312 officers were shot in all of 2020, 293 were shot in 2019, and 237 in 2018. The report states that 58 of the officers shot this year were killed. That's up from 47 in 2020 and 50 in 2019. The report also states there have been 95 ambush-style attacks targeting police so far this year, which is 126% higher than the same time last year.

SOURCE: 7 December 2021, [The Washington Times](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Germany – Man Suspected of Killing Four Relatives, Self

(U) Koenigs Wusterhausen – German investigators said Tuesday that a man suspected of killing his family and then himself left a note indicating that he was afraid of being arrested after procuring a fake vaccination certificate for his wife. The bodies of two 40-year-olds and their children aged 10, 8, and 4 were found with gunshot wounds at their home in Koenigs Wusterhausen.

SOURCE: 7 December 2021, [ABC News](#)

(U) Iraq – Motorcycle Bomb Kills Four People Near Major Hospital

(U) Basra – A bomb killed four people in the southern Iraqi city of Basra on Tuesday, the first such attack in years in a part of the country that has enjoyed relative stability, and a senior official said Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) militants were suspected of carrying it out. The blast, near a major hospital in the predominantly Shi'ite Muslim city, was caused by a motorbike rigged with explosives.

SOURCE: 7 December 2021, [Reuters](#)

(U) Kenya – 'Rogue' Policeman Kills Five, Self in Attack

(U) Nairobi – A Kenyan police officer shot dead five people in a rampage through the capital Nairobi on Tuesday and then shot and killed himself. The officer first shot and killed his wife at their home before setting off with his service-issued AK-47 rifle to shoot another four people, and then himself.

SOURCE: 7 December 2021, [CNN](#)

(U) Russia – Gunman Opens Fire in Service Center, Kills Two

(U) Moscow – A gunman opened fire in a Moscow government services center and killed two people Tuesday, reportedly after being told to put on a face mask. Four other people were wounded, and a suspect was detained.

SOURCE: 7 December 2021, [ABC News](#)

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